



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of June 11, 2013

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Stuart Rick, Chair
Kenita Barrow
Mark L. Greenblatt
Nina Weisbroth

Staff Member:

Robert Cobb, Chief Counsel

Members of the Public:

Billy Camut; Albert Camut; Harry Oakes;
Patrick Spahn; Rob Parker; Andrew Brown;
Ian Parker; Cathy Camut

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Item 2. The minutes from the 5/14/13 meeting were approved with one edit.

Item 3. Robert Cobb provided a demonstration of the online Lobbying Registration and Activity Reporting System. The Ethics Commission informally noted its approval of the progress as regards the new activity reporting portion of the system.

Item 4. Cobb provided a status on financial disclosure related matters. Cobb reported that he had communicated to the State Ethics Commission the Ethics Commission's recommended elements for a new financial disclosure law, and that he was told the State Ethics Commission would review the elements and get back to him. Cobb provided a brief overview on the status of the 2012 annual financial disclosure cycle. In particular, Cobb described the enforcement measures that are being taken with respect to one individual and the potential for additional enforcement measures in the future. The anticipated number of enforcement actions is very low due to the overall high rate of compliance. Cobb then described a proposed process for designation of filers and, in effect, undesignation of filers, between annual iterations of the regulatory list of financial disclosure filers. Cobb also described a draft regulation that would

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sever the dependency of the launch of the annual financial disclosure process from the regulatory process of identification of disclosure filers. Cobb indicated that earlier that day, he and Erin Chu had met with Ed Lattner of the County Attorney's office to discuss the proposals.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert W. Cobb
Chief Counsel